

## BOOK NOTICE

WILLIAM HAWTHORNE AND NTIM GYAKARI. 2006. **Photoguide for the forest trees of Ghana: a tree-spotter's field guide for identifying the largest trees.** (ISBN 0-85074-164-5, pbk.). Oxford Forestry Institute, Department of Plant Sciences, South Parks Road, Oxford OX13RB, United Kingdom. (**Orders:** [www.nhbs.com](http://www.nhbs.com), +44 (0)1803 865913, +44 (0)1803 865280 fax). \$30.00, 432 pp., color photos, b&w figures, 5 3/4" × 7 1/4".

*From the publisher:* "A field guide to the larger trees that occur in Ghanaian forests. It is based on photographs and drawings and is designed to minimize the need for reading complicated botanical text. This guide includes 326 species, virtually all Ghana's forest canopy and emergent trees. The photos show leaves, fruit, flowers, bark, wood and trunk and any other identification aids. Each species account has brief notes on ecology, size, bark & slash, leaves, flowers, fruits, and similar species. Similar species are mentioned and distinguished."

Line drawings of botanical terminology are included on the inside front and back covers of this book. A common name index, scientific name index, and ruler are also included. The front cover of the book boasts a grid of tiny color photographs, the very same bark, leaf, and twig pictures from the species descriptions. But take a step back from this cover and you'll see that the smaller images have been arranged such that they resemble from afar a big eye—presumably the watchful, curious orb of the Ghanaian "tree-spotter."